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SUBJECT: FIFTH INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT

1. ON JANUARY 10, DEPUTY MINISTER PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
PAUL LEONG KHER SEONG CALLED IN ECONOMIC COUNSELOR TO
DISCUSS ITA. GENERAL DISCUSSION TOUCHED ON PRODUCTION COST
COMPONENTS, EFFECT OF OIL PRICE INCREASE ON PRODUCTION COSTS,
POSSIBILITY OF CHANGE IN U.S. COMMODITIES POLICY UNDER
NEW ADMINISTRATION, LACK OF INVESTMENT IN TIN, AND
REVIEW OF THIRD AND SPECIAL SESSIONS IN LONDON.

2. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUERY ON U.S. ROLE IN EVENT OF
RE-NEGOTIATIONS, WE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO ASSURANCE THAT
U.S. WOULD PARTICIPATE, OR EVEN IF IT DID, IT WAS NOT
ASSURED THAT U.S. WOULD SIGN OR THAT SENATE WOULD RATIFY.

3. DEPUTY MINISTER LEONG THEN RAISED PRINCIPAL POINT WHICH
WAS THAT U.S., AS LARGEST CONSUMER, COULD AND SHOULD SAVE
FIFTH ITA BY AGREEING TO FLOOR PRICE OF 1100, WHICH BOLIVIA
WOULD ACCEPT. HE ARGUED THAT ONCE BOLIVIA SIGNED AND
AGREEMENT BROUGHT INTO FORCE, U.S. COULD THEN ADDRESS
PROBLEM AREAS. LEONG ACKNOWLEDGED THAT BOLIVIA, AS SECOND
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LARGEST PRODUCER, HAD GREAT DEAL TO LOSE BY NOT RATIFYING.
HE THEN SAID THAT FROM GOM POINT OF VIEW, MOST IMPORTANT
OBJECTIVE WAS TO BRING ITA INTO FORCE AND THAT GOM WOULD
ATTEMPT PERSUADE BOLIVIA TO RATIFY.

4. IN THIS REGARD, HE SAID PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MINISTER MUSA
HITAM WOULD PROBABLY TRAVEL TO BOLIVIA FOR THIS PURPOSE AND

MIGHT WISH STOP AT WASHINGTON ON RETURN. WE AGREED IT
DESIRABLE TO KEEP US INFORMED FIRST HAND. TIMING OKITRIP NOT
DECIDED BUT LEONG SAID "THERE PLENTY OF TIME" BEFORE JUNE 30
ITA DEADLINE.

5. COMMENT: SINCE ITA IS GUT ISSUE FOR GOM, WE EXPECT THEM
TO PULL OUT ALL STOPS IN ORDER BRING AGREEMENT INTO FORCE.
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